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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a network-based child financial support framework for facilitating communications between employers, custodial parents, and non-custodial ~~parents~~ parents, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) maintaining a database including information on a received financial support payment utilizing a network;
 - (b) providing general information relating to the financial support payment utilizing the network;
 - (c) calculating a proper amount of the financial support payment based on a profile of a user and based on an amount paid to date from a non-custodial parent to a custodial parent, wherein the profile includes data relating to at least one of income, number of children, basic support, insurance premium, child care cost, and additional expenses, wherein a first portion of the profile is received from the user across the network and a second portion of the profile is received from the database, and wherein the user may change the data in the second portion of the profile; and
 - (d) displaying a history associated with the financial support payment.
2. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network includes the ~~Internet~~ Internet.
3. (cancelled)
4. (original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the history includes a date, an amount received on the date, an amount retained of the amount received, and a disbursement of the amount received to the custodial parent.
5. (original) A method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of presenting a plurality of frequently asked questions relating to the financial support payment.

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6. (currently amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for providing a network-based child financial support framework for facilitating communications between employers, custodial parents, and non-custodial ~~parents~~ parents, comprising:
- (a) a code segment that maintains a database including information on a received financial support payment utilizing a network;
 - (b) a code segment that provides general information relating to the financial support payment utilizing the network;
 - (c) a code segment that calculates a proper amount of the financial support payment based on a profile of a user and based on an amount paid to date from a non-custodial parent to a custodial parent, wherein the profile includes data relating to at least one of income, number of children, basic support, insurance premium, child care cost, and additional expenses, wherein a first portion of the profile is received from the user across the network and a second portion of the profile is received from the database, and wherein the user may change the data in the second portion of the profile; and
 - (d) a code segment that displays a history associated with the financial support payment.
7. (currently amended) A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the network includes the ~~Internet~~ Internet.
8. (cancelled)
9. (original) A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the history includes a date, an amount received on the date, an amount retained of the amount received, and a disbursement of the amount received to the custodial parent.
10. (original) A computer program as recited in claim 6, and further comprising a code segment that presents a plurality of frequently asked questions relating to the financial support payment.
11. (currently amended) A system for providing a network-based child financial support framework for facilitating communications between employers, custodial parents, and non-custodial ~~parents~~ parents, comprising:
- (a) logic that maintains a database including information on a received financial support payment utilizing a network;

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- (b) logic that provides general information relating to the financial support payment utilizing the network;
 - (c) logic that calculates a proper amount of the financial support payment based on a profile of a user and based on an amount paid to date from a non-custodial parent to a custodial parent, wherein the profile includes data relating to at least one of income, number of children, basic support, insurance premium, child care cost, and additional expenses, wherein a first portion of the profile is received from the user across the network and a second portion of the profile is received from the database, and wherein the user may change the data in the second portion of the profile; and
 - (d) logic that displays a history associated with the financial support payment.
12. (currently amended) A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the network includes the ~~Internet~~ Internet.
13. (cancelled)
14. (original) A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the history includes a date, an amount received on the date, an amount retained of the amount received, and a disbursement of the amount received to the custodial parent.
15. (original) A system as recited in claim 11, and further comprising logic that presents a plurality of frequently asked questions relating to the financial support payment.